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Board of Estimates Work.

The Board of Estimate, which will
meet soon to fix the financial budget for
the current fiscal year, will have a
serious problem to deal with. There has
been a considerable growth in the town
in the past three years and a consequent
enlarged demand for an extension of
public utilities. Plans are out for a still
further development in laying out new
streets and the erection of houses. All
such improvements planned now em-
body sewers, water mains and street
lights, as necessary and essential parts
of such propositions and if those utilities
cannot be obtained improvement plans
will have to be abandoned.The growth of the town has made it
self felt significantly in the case of the
public schools and more money will be
asked for school purposes this year.The Board of Estimate in making up the
financial budget will be forced to
consider the needs of a growing com-
munity. If that portion of the town
south of Bloomfield avenue was alone to
be considered there would not be much
argument for any increase in the budget,
for the development is slow there, but
it is in the Second Ward and in Fairview
and the territory east of the canal where
rapid development is going on, and it is
in that part of the town that the mem-
bers of the Board of Estimate will turn
their eyes when debating appropriations.

Tuberculosis.

The Newark Board of Trade cordially
extends invitation to attend the Ameri-
can Tuberculosis exhibition which will
be held in the Newark Free Public
Library, daily, from Saturday evening,
February 10, to Saturday evening, Febru-

ary 24, Sundays and holidays included.

The exhibition has been organized
under the auspices of the National As-
sociation for the Study and Prevention
of Tuberculosis and the Committee on
the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the
Charity Organization Society of New
York City. It is planned as an educa-
tional measure in the present wide-
spread campaign against tuberculosis.It will be shown by means of models,
photographs, charts, diagrams, etc., the main
facts with regard to the prevalence of the
disease and its prevention and cure.Co-operation from all parts of the coun-
try has been enlisted and a comprehen-
sive demonstration of the facts has been
installed.The committee is arranging for a
series of meetings to be held at the
Public Library during the exhibition.
One or more sessions each will be de-
voted to the discussion of the prevention
and cure of tuberculosis from the stand-
point of the physician, the school
teacher and the trades union. There
will also be several illustrated lectures
addressed to the general public.

High School Dramatic.

The rehearsals for the coming plays
at the High School are coming along
nicely. A rehearsal is held most every
afternoon in the week of one play or the
other.The following are in the cast this
year: "The Fatal Message"—Mr. K.
Starkweather, Mr. Chas. Davis, Mr.
Joseph Mann, Mr. Franklin Wells, Miss
Jeanette Taylor, Miss Bessie Francis,
Miss Althesa Bleeker and Miss N. A.
Bourne. Those in "The Irish Linen
Peddler"—Mr. Biggart, Mr. Cady, Mr.
Tydeman, Mr. Simms, Mr. Stone, Miss
Harris, Miss Corran and Miss Mary
Bartholomew. The following are milk-
maids in the same play: Miss Fitch,
Miss Hamilton, Miss Miller and Miss
Fleming.Both plays have been found to be
highly amusing and it is hoped that they
will be found as enjoyable to the pat-
rons of the play as they appear now to be.Tickets were put on sale Thursday at
George M. Wood's pharmacy, or can be
obtained from students of the High
School. The earlier the seats are bought
this year the better, as there is already
quite a demand for them.

A Serious Fall.

Mrs. F. W. Hawes of East Orange, in
passing from her pew in the First Pres-
byterian Church to the depressed floor
of the aisle at the close of the lecture
of last Monday evening, fell and broke
her left hip. The president of the lec-
ture association called a carriage and
accompanied Mrs. Hawes and her daughter
to their home.

The Salary Ordinance.

A short time ago there was an appar-
ently needless scare about a proposed
extensive increase of salaries of town
officials. Several offices were named as
on the list for a substantial increase.
In anticipation of a salary increase,
Councilmen were criticized and predictions
were made as to the result when
the people voiced their sentiments on
the matter next fall. The salary ordinance
has been framed, and the total
amount of increase in the salary list is
eighty dollars, and some of the Council-
men were opposed to that.This public perturbation over a
threatened increase of salaries recalls
an incident of several years ago, when
some newly-elected Councilmen made a
bold proclamation in favor of strict economy, and the pruning knife
was to be applied to official salaries. The
people were led to expect great
things and eagerly watched for the
appearance of the salary ordinance.
When it appeared the sum total of the
reduction amounted to fifty dollars.

Auto-Couch Line.

An automobile couch company should
find a profitable field for business in
East Orange. Twenty-three automobile
lines have been established in various
cities, and there are thirty-seven in
process of establishment in other cities.
A company has been organized in Mont-
clair, as detailed in an article which
appears in our news columns, and where
conditions are similar to those which
prevail in this city. The company will
operate auto-coaches through various
streets that will enable the company to
best serve the public in furnishing
transportation from outlying sections
to the centre of the town and the depot.
There should be some means of trans-
portation between the northern and
southern sections of East Orange, and
the centre of the city, and especially
with the two depots.—*East Orange
Gazette*.

The Poll Tax.

The tax assessors are in receipt of
letters from citizens about the poll tax.
Some of the correspondents claim that
this town is the only one in the county
that assesses poll tax. Others claim
that the poll tax was a war measure
and was abolished many years ago. All the
correspondents are mistaken. The tax
laws of the present day commands that
a poll tax be levied upon every male in-
habitant of the State twenty-one years
of age, paupers and idiots excepted.
The law says "inhabitant," and that
term takes in every man, whether he is
a naturalized citizen or not. Every mu-
nicipality in the county but one assesses
a poll tax, and the number of polls is
increasing each year. Recent arrests
for non-payment of poll-tax ought to be
sufficiently convincing that its assessment is legal.

Church Services.

Services at the Watseking M. E.
Church to-morrow will be as follows:
Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 A. M.,
subject, "Forsaken"; Sunday-school,
2:30 P. M.; Epworth League, 6:45 P. M.
At 7:30 P. M., the pastor will deliver a
special sermon to the Junior Order of
American Mechanics; subject, "Our
Country."The Rev. Elliott W. Brown will give a
lecture in the Glen Ridge Congregational
Church Sunday evening entitled "The
Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury—The Friend
and Champion of the Poor and the Oppressed."

Booth-Mullen.

Harry Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas Booth of Charles street, this
town, and Miss Charlotte Mullens of
Orange, were married Wednesday even-
ing at 7:45 o'clock at St. Paul's Episco-
pal Church, East Orange, by the Rev.
Wm. P. Taylor, rector of that church.
Miss Alice Booth, sister of the groom,
was bridegroom, and Ralph Mullens,
brother of the bride, best man. Mr.
and Mrs. Booth will reside in Myrtle
street, this town.

To Build a Synagogue.

A meeting of the congregations Showar
Amuno of Montclair and this town will
be held to-morrow night at the home
of Max Kurnik in Broad street, when
final arrangements will be made for the
purchase of a plot of ground upon which
it is proposed to erect a synagogue.
The site upon which the committee in
charge has an option is located in
Highland avenue, Glen Ridge, and is a
desirable piece of property. The price
of the latter has not been made known.
The synagogue will cost about \$5,000,
and plans will be presented at this
meeting. A constitution will also be
adopted at that time.

A Reception.

Mrs. Henry Spear of 115 Berkeley
avenue gave a birthday luncheon Jan-
uary 31. Guests were laid for twenty-
four, and the guests came from Perth
Amboy, East Orange and this town.
Mrs. Sarah U. Matthews and Miss Ada
Irons got the silver thimbles that were
in the birthday cake. Mrs. Spear was
the recipient of many beautiful gifts.
The rooms were decorated with garlands
of red and roses.

Berkeley School Club.

The quarterly meeting of the Berkeley
School Neighborhood Club was held in
the school hall Thursday night, and was
well attended. The Rev. S. Trevene
Jackson of the Watseking M. E. Church
made an address. Vocal and instrumen-
tal music was furnished by Mrs. J.
W. Person and Mrs. G. Smith.

Local Option Question.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: There is something mysterious
about the local option agitation now ex-
tant in the State. Public attention has
recently been fixed upon some of the
large corporations in this State, and the
immense wealth that the head men in
these corporations have amassed. The
public has also been taking a deep in-
terest in the value of franchises, and the
public has also been making some in-
quiry into the question of equal taxation.The concentrated gaze and interested
inquiry on the part of the public upon
corporations and into their methods of
doing business is becoming irritating to
the fiscal magistrates of the State and is
causing some serious apprehensions, and
a recent proposition to make legislative
inquiry into corporate methods of busi-
ness here in this State has occasioned
great consternation, and some Newark
papers have been appealed to through
the customary channels and in the usual
effective way to make vigorous protest
against the proposed legislative investi-
gation.It is evident that if public attention
cannot be diverted from the corporations
and matters pertaining to their business,
there are troublous times ahead, and
the Celibates who have been checked at
Trenton will be so numerous and angry
next fall that they will sweep the State.What better way to cause a genuine
mix-up in public sentiment than to
trust local option to the front? Get
the people going on that well-worn issue,
and corporation heads need not worry
any further, and the people can be relied
upon to bite as soon as the local option
is thrown to the crowd. The result at Trenton on Wednesday was a
good specimen of the cat-and-dog time
in store for the public when the local
option issue gets fairly under way.The question arises, Has this local
option matter been brought up at this
present time and in its present manner
for the purpose of testing the public
and breaking up the Colby element in
politics?If the local option bill is turned down in the Legislature, as it
ought to be for practical reasons, there
will be a howl of rage from that element
in the Republican party in Essex County
that recognizes "Eddy" Black as leader.
On the other hand, the local option bill
will be the cry of rage in the Teutonic section
of Newark.There are some things about the pre-
sent local option agitation that are je-
susing of serious consideration by
thoughtful people before signing petitions
in favor of it, and before rushing
to members of the Assembly and asking
their support of local option measures.A complete change from a Republican
to a Democratic administration in State
affairs would be particularly pleasing to
some people with United States Senatorial
aspirations, and a local option
fight offers a good opportunity for effect-
ing such a political revolution.The one thing certain is that the local
option issue at this particular time looks like
a trap-card play on the part of the
corporations, and the Celibates should
steer clear of this trap. ANTI-OPTION.

Spring Elections.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: There is a wide-spread agitation
in favor of a return to the spring elec-
tions for the election of municipal
officers. The people of South Orange
are very much in favor of restoration
of the spring elections and a committee
of citizens of that place has addressed
letters to the officials of East Orange,
Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield and other
places asking their co-operation in
the movement for the enactment of a law
restoring spring elections. The majority
of replies, it is said, show a wide-spread
desire for the spring elections and for
the immediate enactment of a law that will enable an election for
municipal officers to be held this coming
spring. Members of the local Board of
Trade who have considered the spring
election question from a local stand-
point confess their conclusions in favor
of spring elections and would like to
have the Board of Trade go on record in
favor of the same.The old argument that local political
issues should be kept separate from
State and national issues is again urged
as a potent reason for spring elections.
The argument of spring elections is that
we want our civic issues, our school
and financial issues acted upon by our people
without any accompanying entanglement
with county and State questions.We also want a healthy minority party,
such as a citizens' ticket, to appeal to us
in spring elections. We trust our town
officials and our Board of Trade will co-
operate with the South Orange move-
ment.

A Demented Woman.

Mary Hugel, 29 years old, who said
she formerly worked for a family in
Belleville avenue, Newark, was found
by Policeman Moran in Franklin street
Tuesday morning and taken to the
police station. She was suffering from
cold and hunger, and said she had slept
in a hallway on Franklin street all
night.

Lessons from New Zealand.

John Graham Brooks, author of "The
Social Unrest," will lecture on "Some
Lessons from New Zealand Politics" in
Community Hall, East Orange, Mon-
day evening. This will be the last lec-
ture in the season's course given under
the auspices of the New England Society
of the Oranges.

Musical Instruction.

Miss Grace Wilcock will resume
instructions on the piano September
1st. Residence and studio, 37 Orchard
street. Arrangements can be made
now.—*Editor*.

Chance For Citizen Readers.

Coupon Worth 25c. if Presented at
W. W. Keyler's Store.In order to test the CITIZEN's great
circulation and its superior advertising
value, we have made arrangements with
W. W. Keyler, the popular druggist, to
offer one of his best selling medicines at
a reduced price to anyone who will cut out
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dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache
and liver trouble that he will, in addition
to selling it at half-price, refund the
money to anyone whom it does not
cure.If you cannot call at his store, cut out
the coupon and mail it with 25 cents,
and a 50 cent box of the specific will be
sent you by mail, charges paid. Do not
put it off. "One to-day is worth two
to-morrows."—*Advertiser*.A Threat to the State's Financial
Interests.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The sensitive nerve of a nation,
a State, and a community is its financial
interests. Touch these and all other
interests quiveringly respond, for all
other interests are intimately and
closely allied with them—business,
manufacture, commerce, transportation,
agriculture, and above all, investments
and savings. Charity and philanthropy,
and even the interests of the church and
religion, are dependent on the stability
of the financial structure.A legislative yielding to an impulse,
or following some set example, or led
by overzealous or designing men, can do
infinite harm to financial interests, and
through them to all dependent interests.It can destroy millions of values by a
simple resolution. It can so greatly
impart confidence and unsettle the
public faith by a mere enactment that
bank deposits will dwindle, loans be
called in, enterprises be halted or
abandoned, the people's deposited
savings be withdrawn to hidden in
the traditional stocking, and business
and industry experience serious reverses.A blunder, when it involves disastrous
results, is worse than a crime. Blunders
in legislation have done incomparably
more mischief than deliberately
planned vicious legislative measures.
There may be more dynamite in a
resolution than in a hundred statutes or
a score of actual investigations. A
phantom has more terror than an
actuality. Give the unknown some
threatening form and it appeals to the
timid mind with all the fears that assail
the guilty soul of the sleeping
Bard on Bow Street.The resolution pending in the New
Jersey legislature for a legislative
investigating raid on the great financial
interests of the State has already, by
suggestion, done harm. There is no
charge upon which an investigation can
be based. The only excuse offered is
the necessity claimed for strengthening
the law for supervising financial institutions.
This can be done by statute without
the least need for a perilous legislative
act to involve the inevitable
disorder and of widespread losses to all
classes. The resolution, born
of a whim, and sustained by no logic
or reason, should never be translated
into a legislative act. It should be
dropped forthwith.

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